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## New Education building makes a bold statement

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On Thursday, Feb. 10, the grand opening of the new Watson School of Education building and the North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall drew approximately 300 guests including administrators and staff, donors, several state legislators and a vast array of people committed to educational excellence.

*"[Legacy Hall] is meant to raise the awareness of education and honor the people that serve us on a daily basis."*

-Watson School of Education Dean Cathy Barlow

The new three-story, 80,500 sq. ft. edifice has 10 classrooms, four computer labs, three seminar rooms, and a number of offices surrounding a sky-lit atrium.

From its aesthetically pleasing design to its abundance of technologically state-of-the-art resources, "this building is intended to make a bold statement about how we feel about education," said Chancellor Rosemary DePaolo.

The North Carolina Teachers Legacy Hall, which displays historical events and achievements in

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Steve Bowden sits on the Board of Governors at the meeting on Thursday, Feb. 10. The Board voted against the proposed tuition hike for the coming school year.

## Board of Governors vetoes tuition hike

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The North Carolina Board of Governors met Friday, February 11, and voted against the tuition proposals suggested by the UNCW Board of Trustees.

This decision marks the first time in three years that tuition increases have been voted against by the board.

UNCW administration proposed an increase of \$225 per semester for in-state tuition and a student fee increase of \$64.25 per semester for the 2005-2006 academic year.

The board held an open session

at 11 a.m. where board member Jim Phillips said, "The opinion of the committee (for research of tuition proposals) is that tuition for the academic year 2005-2006 should remain the same as the year 2003-2004."

Another member, Molly Corbett, also announced a new report on the budget of the UNC system. "I would like to acknowledge the amendment that was made to the budget. There will be an increase in money going to the financial need based program and we have already received \$3.2 million," Corbett said.

However, the Board of Governors' decision could be overruled. Zack Wynne, President of the Student Government Association said, "Their decision does not necessarily

mean the end of tuition hikes this year. The General Assembly could raise tuition as part of their budget; we won't know until they do their budget in June."

Many students are relieved to know that, at least for the upcoming academic year, the North Carolina Board of Governors is upholding their responsibility to UNCW students to ensure that there will be no unexpected fee or tuition increases. UNCW junior, Kurt Staiger said, "I am very happy that costs for school may remain stable. Students already have enough financial responsibilities without having to worry about tuition hikes."

The Board of Governors will discuss out of state tuition increases at their next meeting in March.

## Students make noise at state capitol

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Eleven students from UNCW gathered at the state capitol Feb. 2nd to lobby against the recently proposed tuition increases and discuss the importance of having a student representative on the board of governors committee.

A bus was chartered to leave from campus at 8:30 a.m. and arrive at the capitol in Raleigh at 11 a.m., when students from universities statewide would mingle on the main lawn.

Motivational speeches from various legislators were given outside preceding a lunch catered by Bear Rock Café. Speakers included Rep. Alma Adams from Guilford County, Ben Ruffin of the NC Board of Governors, and Amanda Devore, president of the Association of Student Government.

Adams has been a long time advocate for the UNC system. "Power is worthless if you (students) don't use it. You already have the power, you simply must use it," she said.

"There are 180,000 of you across the state. Don't tell me you shouldn't have a vote on the board of governors," Adams said.

Ruffin also reported that about 17 percent of the total cost of the UNC system was financed by students. This statistic was the very reason that students came from all universities to lobby.

"This day is only the beginning. We all have to keep coming

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